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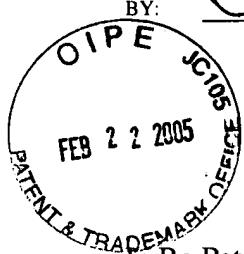
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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Patent Application of:  
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Appln. No.:	10/695,043	:	Examiner:	Brian E. Miller
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Title:	DISK DRIVE APPARATUS			

**AMENDMENT**

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Examiner's Office Action, dated September 17, 2004, in the above-identified application. A two-month Petition for Extension of Time is being filed herewith. Kindly amend the above-identified patent application, without prejudice, as follows:

**Amendments to and Listing of the Claims** are on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Conclusion** is on page 9 of this paper.